

Docket No.: 048864-0030

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Katsuaki TAJIMA, et al.

Customer No.: 20277

Application No.: 09/656,440

Confirmation No.: 9740

Filed: September 06, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2625

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: Thierry L. PHAM

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 12, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.